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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN VISIT TO SIXTH FLEET

REF: A. BUCHAREST 8060, B. BUCHAREST 7746

1. REFERENCE (A) ADVISED THAT INVITATION TO ROMANIAN ADMIRAL ULMEANU AND STEFAN TO VISIT SIXTHFLEET CARRIER HAD BEEN EXTENDED FOR SOMETIME DURING 18 FEBRUARY - 17 APRIL 1978. REFERENCE (B) SUGGESTED EMBARKATION OF VISITORS THROUGH ITALY.

2. NAVY INDICATES THAT VISIT OF TWO DAYS' DURATION, WITH ONE RON, IS CONSIDERED OPTIMUM FOR BOTH VISITORS AND NIMITZ. ON THIS BASIS, PREFERRED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT IS FOR CARRIER LOGISTICS (COD) FLIGHT FROM NAVAL AIR FACILITY
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(NAF) SIGONELLA TO NIMITZ AM 20 FEB 1978 (RON), DEBARK NIMITZ BY COD PM 21 FEB TO NAF SIGONELLA. NAF SIGONELLA IS 30 KM FROM SYRACUSE CIVIL AIRPORT AND NAVY CAN ARRANGE FOR PICKUP AND RETURN OF VISITORS. BACKUP FOR EMBARK/DEBARK WILL BE NAPLES (CAPODICHINO). NIMITZ WILL BE EN ROUTE NAPLES, TO ARRIVE 22 FEB.

3. IN EVENT ABOVE SCHEDULE IS UNSATISFACTORY, TWO ALTERNATIVES ARE ALSO PROPOSED:

A. COD FLIGHT FROM NAF SIGONELLA AM 6 MAR (RON), DEBARK BY COD PM 7 MAR. NAPLES NOT AVAILABLE AS BACKUP FOR DEBARK FLIGHT. NIMITZ WILL BE UNDERWAY FROM NAPLES 4 MARCH, ARRIVING SOUDA BAY 8 MAR.

B. COD FLIGHT FROM NAF SIGONELLA AM 10 APR (RON), DEBARK BY COD PM 11 APR. NAPLES NOT AVAILABLE AS BACKUP FOR DEBARK FLIGHT. NIMITZ WILL BE OPERATING IN IONIAN 10-11 APRIL.

4. PLANNED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR VISIT INCLUDES DISCUSSIONS WITH CO CARRIER TASK FORCE 60 AND CO NIMITZ; BRIEFINGS BY CAG AND SQUADRON COS; COCKPIT TOURS OF AIRCRAFT; OBSERVATION OF DAY/NIGHT FLIGHT OPS; TOURS OF NAVIGATION BRIDGE, AIR OPERATIONS, HANGAR BAY. A MORE DETAILED SCHEDULE OF SHIPBOARD VISIT EVENTS WILL BE PROVIDED LATER THIS MONTH.

5. REQUEST YOU INFORM ROMANIANS OF VISIT OPTIONS IN PARAS (2) AND (3) AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF THEIR PREFERENCE. VANCE

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